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MEMORANDUM FOR DEPUTY DIRECTOR (RESEARCH), CIA

SUBJECT: Nomination of CIA Personnel for Assignment to NRO Staff

I refer to your 21 August nomination of Mr. Robert D. Singel for assignment to the NRO staff. Mr. Singel is certainly well qualified for such an assignment, and is well thought of by personnel of the NRO staff.

However, I feel that we already have all of the full-time staff personnel necessary to accomplish the functions assigned to the NRO staff by my 23 July 1962 memorandum for NRO Program Directors and the Director, NRO Staff on the subject of Organization and Functions of the NRO. It would seem to me that we should be concerned not only with selection of the best qualified personnel but also with keeping the full-time assignments to the minimum which is actually required. As we already have three persons on the NRO staff with experience and knowledge of ELINT operations, I would suggest that no additional personnel of this specialty should be assigned at this time.

We will, of course, make full use of both Mr. Singel and Mr. [redacted] on specific NRO tasks on a case-by-case basis. I would expect that a considerable amount of NRO work can be accomplished in this manner, along the lines of the ad hoc group which recently completed the over-all survey of the electronic reconnaissance requirements and projects of the (TS) National Reconnaissance Program.

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